

The Rebel Yell

A Newsletter for the Diving Rebels - One of the Oldest Scuba Clubs in Texas - Established 1958

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday – March 5, 2008

Meeting Time

6:30pm Social - 7:15pm Meeting

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March Meeting Program

The March meeting will give us the ship-shape lowdown we have all been looking for on the Navy's elite programs. Let your mind soak up the details about the Navy Rescue Swimmers, Navy Divers and the immortalized Navy Seals. I guarantee we won't be under siege, but we will no doubt be captivated.

Officer NC1 Stephen R. Bisacca of the Navy and Navy Reserve programs will speak to us. Officer Bisacca has been in the Navy for 19 years and 15 of those as a recruiter. In addition to personally aiding over 500 men and women in serving our country, he has trained 100's of junior colleagues.

Upcoming Events Calendar

- Mar 5 Monthly Membership Meeting
- Mar 8 Athens Scuba Park
- Apr 2 Monthly Membership Meeting
- Apr 12-13 Tyler State Park
- May 7 Monthly Membership Meeting
- May 24-26 Balmorhea State Park (tentative)
- June TBA Lake Whitney – 50th Anniversary Celebration!

President's Report

Well, we are out of the chute with a bang this year. We've had the San Marcos outing with a great turn out for the "warm water" dive and of course the ever popular Wine and Cheese Festival. We have a couple of General Membership meetings under our belt, Board meetings where the minutes take 3 pages and have had the challenges and tools laid before us to accomplish Outing Magnificos status.

We have the March outing at Athens, a place I have never been – so pretty much the Rebels have not been there since 2001. Some of the barriers to having outings there have been reduced and I am looking forward to an exciting weekend. A new member, Gena Natho, jumped in with both feet and is coordinating the outing.

Suffice it to say that we have a full calendar of events with Tyler in April, a heavy possibility of Balmorhea in May, June - a bash for Mid-year and the 50th anniversary at Lake Whitney, July - maybe Inks Lake?, August in Utila, Sep - open, Oct – Broken bow?, November - the annual and hotly contested title for best chili at the chili cook-off and December with the festive Club Party.

And that's not even mentioning the good things Michele will be organizing based on the survey results. So be sure to fill out the Club Social Activities Interest Poll that was distributed at the Feb meeting. If you need one, let her or me know. And on the subject of surveys, you can look forward to the questionnaire that the Board circulates every couple of years in the December time frame.

So as you can see, we have a lot to do in the year ahead. We will be socializing in a variety of venues. I hope by the end of the year we can look back and say we had a great year with a lot of fun times – perhaps a typical year in the life of we Diving Rebels.

Aboard the Diving Rebel fun ship,
Keith



Linda Magnuson Celebrates 30th Anniversary with the Diving Rebels!

Linda Magnuson celebrates 30 years of membership in 2008 and almost that many as a Board member. No doubt that even when not serving on the Board, she has been a leader. In honor of her undying commitment, let's offer her lifetime membership!

Keith remembers Linda being one of the first people he met in the club. It was a March outing at Squaw Creek when the stones to guide divers to and from the platform were installed. "I showed up without knowing anyone, at the recommendation of my instructor/club member, for a good dive outing and Linda quickly made me feel welcome. It was very windy and chilly that day with the land temperature being cooler than the water. We huddled behind a wind break that I believe was the brain child and construction of Linda. It was a great outing."

Since then, Keith has seen Linda perform other duties and work very hard for the club. "She is a faithful and exceptional outing coordinator. She's done themes and special contests. I have been inspired by her creativity and ability to make outings fun in as well as out of the water."

Linda is also a very good and experienced diver and it is always a pleasure to diving with her. Keith remembers their dives together, which are too numerous to give details, but has learned skills from her there too. "And the campfire talks we've had often lingered long into the night at many outings. The dives at Ouachita are some of the more memorable as we seem to pair up often there."

So as we navigate through 2008, please let Linda know how she has impacted your course and express your appreciation for her service to you and the club.



Athens Scuba Park Outing March 8-9th 2008

<http://www.athensscubapark.com>

Outing Coordinator: Gena Natho

Athens Texas is about an hour and a half from the Dallas/Fort Worth area, and Athens Scuba Park is located about a mile from downtown Athens (See Map on Page 4) Downloadable information and maps are located on the website at www.divingrebels.org/athens2008.htm. There are hotels/restaurants within blocks of the park. When you come in the gate at Athens Scuba Park, you will need to register with the office. (Park Fees are listed at bottom of page) You will be given a paper tag to hang on the mirror of your car. There are bathrooms with hot showers and changing areas, and behind the office an area for rinsing your gear. A full service dive shop with air and rental gear which serves people in Athens, Tyler and East Texas is located on site. If you love treasure hunting you will really like this shop. Specializing in search and recovery there are a wide variety of metal detectors, lift bags and full face masks, along with an awesome collection of items found treasure hunting.

We will be located at Docks #1 and #2 with ample area to camp near the docks. Water temperatures will be in the 50's so bring adequate thermal protection. For those that do not want to camp, a list of hotels with special rates for divers at Athens Scuba Park is located at the end of this article. (You might have to say you are at the park for a class) Weather permitting, it would be fun to have a cook out as a grill and a large smoker are available. Calvin, the owner, will probably build a nice fire in the fire pit (as long as we are not in a fire ban), and the pool and hot tub are within walking distance of the campsite/dive area. If the weather is too cold or if it looks like we may have some weather that evening, we may go to the "Jalapeño Tree" for dinner. They are good with reservations of groups of 10 or more. There is also an Applebee's next door. Please do not bring glass containers, as they have a tendency to be dropped and broken. Adult beverages are acceptable but please be discrete and put cans in Koozies or pour them into a plastic cup.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please email Gena Natho at gnatho@flash.net.

Below is the list of hotels and park hours and fees.

Hotels:

Best Western - 903-675-9214 direct / 800-528-1234 - Cost Approx: \$55 plus tax

Hot Breakfast, Internet, cable, restaurant

Super 8 (on 175 as you come into town) - 903-675-7511 direct / 800-800-8000

Cost Approx: Single \$52 / double \$59 - think this includes tax

Continental breakfast (plus pour your own waffles)

Spanish Trace: (older hotel and about 2-3 blocks from the park) 900-675-5173 / 800-488-5173

Cost: approx Single \$50 / Double \$60 plus tax

Holiday Inn Express (close to Wal-Mart) 903-675-2500 direct / 800-HOLIDAY

Cost Approx: \$85 (Can put up to 4 people in a room for this)

(Not sure about any continental breakfast)

Water Conditions as of Feb 27th 2008

WATER: VIS: 25+ / TEMP: 53

Gate - Diver (must have C-card) \$15.00, Non Diver 15.00,
Camping / Night Diving **5.00** (spring & sum)

Electricity \$20.00

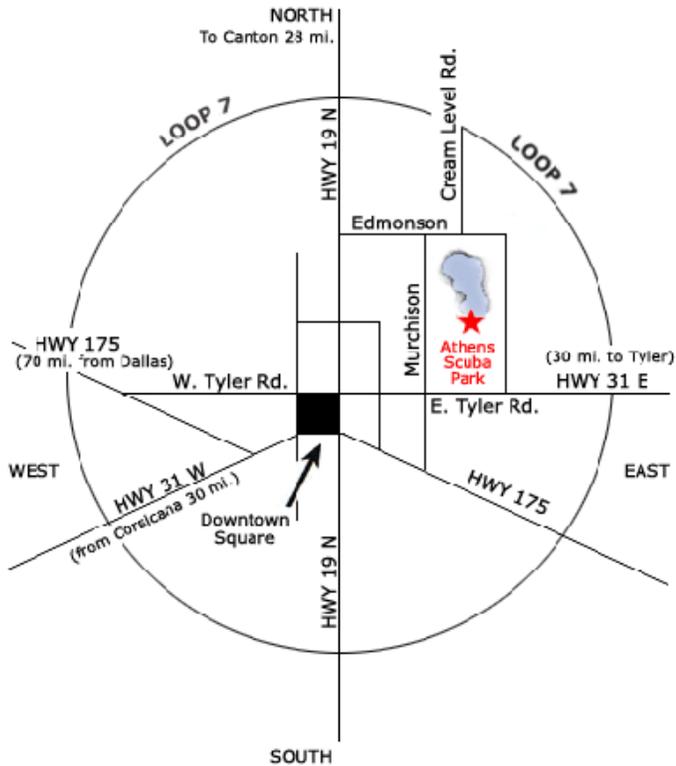
Air Fills \$5.00

Cash, Check, MC, Visa, Disc & AE Accepted

2008 Hours - Mar - Apr, Wed - Sun 10 AM - 5 PM



Athens Scuba Park



We are 6 blocks east from the Downtown Square on Hwy 31 East Turn North on Murchison Street and go 1 1/2 blocks to entrance.

Birthdays

Vicky Engle	Mar 3
Bob Hughes	Mar 19
Debbie Leyden	Mar 28
Marc Gowdy	Mar 30

Anniversaries

None Known



Mark Your Calendars!

Monthly Membership Meeting Speaker
April 2, 2008
Jimmy Atkinson

Mark your calendars as this is no April fooling, come hear from one of our own speak about a fairyland of diving, the Maldives. Located near the equator in the Indian Ocean, the Maldives consist of 1190 coral islands with 26 major atolls. Jimmy, one of the truly extraordinary divers (and many aspire to talk underwater like him), will give us a show and tell that is assured to make your mouths water. If you want to wet your appetite take a look at some of the links that only give an inkling of what Jimmy can give us from a personal account:
<http://www.bookmaldives.com/index.php> and
<http://visitmaldives.com/Maldives/fast-facts.php>.

Don't forget Diving Rebels Caps and T-Shirts
 On sale at any monthly meeting!



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Merchandise sold to Diving Rebels Members Only

Tyler State Park – April 12 – 13, 2008

Well, we know there won't be any challenge to the club depth record at the April outing, but the diving is certainly an experience that is worth the time. The catfish are docile and there are plenty of turtles. And for surface activities, you can't beat the hiking and biking trails and even just a drive around the park leaves one in admiration of nature's wonders. The food too is some of the best with fond remembrance of the Kirchoff's delicious biscuits and gravy or magnificent pancakes and Jim Magnuson's fajitas from recent past. So make plans to come out and explore the lakes, lands and tastes of East Texas with the Diving Rebels.

Annual Arctic Dive and Wine and Cheese Festival Report

As expected, we had a grand time at the February outing at Lake Murray for the Wine and Cheese Festival and Arctic Dive. The burn ban was lifted just in time and with the morning temperature in the 40's the fire was going early. With heavier coats adorned there was an unspoken, and spoken, reluctance to actually get wet. There were some brave souls and 6 of us (that I know of – 2 Diving Rebels, a guest and 3 Scubadillos) braved the 47 degree water about 2 pm. Some of us (me) actually recorded 44 at 29ft, but as the rules stand 47 is the official – qualifying as a cold water dive, but too bad we are Board members and not eligible for DRIFT points. Sure would have been nice in a dry suit, but the wet suit held up for the 20 minute dive. Of course the 20 minute hot shower afterward really felt good. The fire too warmed the body as well as the soul as it radiated its heat and comfort with various tenders stoking the flames.

We were serving a little after 5:30 pm and Steve Sadler was kind enough to smoke the meat on Friday so I could take it up. He had to work and couldn't do his usual on-site tantalizing. We had a little difficulty keeping the circuit breakers on so we distributed the roasters and crock pots for heating everything to various campsites. It was an adventure to make the rounds stirring and checking on things. Luckily there was a team of us and a lot of help made the task easier. In true Diving Rebel style, we had rain just as we were serving the last folks. It only lasted a few minutes, but was enough to send folks scrambling for cover and for us to try to keep the bread and desserts dry. I heard several comments about how nice the spread was. Thank all you cooks and helpers for making it a success. While the official numbers are not in yet, I estimate we had between 50 and 55 attending.

The Wine and Cheese contest had the fewest entries I've seen in the last few years. Also we had a dual winner which has been rare. We had 5 reds and 3 whites in the running and Doug Sheppard took home the Best Red title, Silvia Evelyn earned the Worst Wine award, and Ellen Fourton took the show with the Best White and Best Cheese. Perhaps needless to say the judging was as hilarious as ever. I think we have some comedians in our midst.

And true to my tease, "Come on out, you never know what fun and games will be going on" we had a game of hide and seek with Steve Shipe Saturday night. We'll have a new outing rule that if you go snipe hunting you must have a buddy because some of us went Shipe hunting in the middle of the night when he wandered off in search of the prey. That Will Not be a Rebel tradition!

If you missed it, plan it for next year – usually the last weekend in February. Were you there? If so, thank you for attending. And you will probably understand why it has become one of my favorite annual outings. I hope it will rank up there for you too.

Living grand with the Diving Rebels,
Keith



Geocaching at Lake Murray

Several of the group attending the Arctic Dive and Wine & Cheese Festival participate in Geocaching. Ted, Liza and Bren began before reaching the lake on I35 at the BBQ restaurant and then moved on to a virtual cache in the middle of town of Marietta. Two other members, Doug and George, were met at Mom and Pop's Landing and with GPS in hand; off the group went to find other caches. The group climbed, scrambled, and jumped through the woods looking for the smallest to the biggest of caches. Liza's son was a real trooper keeping up with the group and helping them find the caches. He loved the contents that he could later trade. Liza was a big help maintaining the chase vehicle and assisting the group in moving from area to area.

Ted and George did attempt to find the underwater cache but were unable to locate the cache. Water temperature was 43 degrees with George being able to get in a twenty minute dive and Ted a fifteen minute dive.

The group also did night cache hunt and introduced Johnathon, the club's Junior Board Member, to the thrill of the hunt.

Overall Ted found 13 and Doug found 10 caches.

The group did place a cache in the Lake Murray area for the Diving Rebels in which was place club flyers, a \$1 bill, Texas stickers and other fun tradables.

The Coordinates for the Rebel's Cache at Lake Murray are:
N 34 01.535 W 097 02.797

We placed Rebel flyers, 1.00 bills, TX stickers, and other fun tradables. Watch for future updates on how many others find the cache and log it on the geocache website.

If you would like to join Ted or Doug after work or on a weekend geocaching, send Ted an email at tedglodowski@aol.com.

Sharks Disappearing as Fin Chopping Rises

www.enn.com/wildlife/article/31323

Populations of tiger, bull, dusky and other sea sharks have plummeted by more than 95 percent since the 1970s as fisherman kill the animals for their fins or when they scoop other fish from the ocean, according to an expert from the World Conservation Union, or IUCN.

Killer Starfish Destroy 'Richest' Coral Reefs

<http://environment.newscientist.com/article/mg19726402.800-killer-starfish-destroy-richest-coral-reefs.html>

Some of the most stunning reefs in the "Coral Triangle", the world's richest area of coral biodiversity, have been destroyed by crown-of-thorns starfish, which feed by spreading their stomachs over coral. That's the dismal result of a survey last month of reefs around Halmahera, an Indonesian island at the heart of the triangle, which stretches from the Philippines to the Malaysian peninsula to the Solomon Islands.

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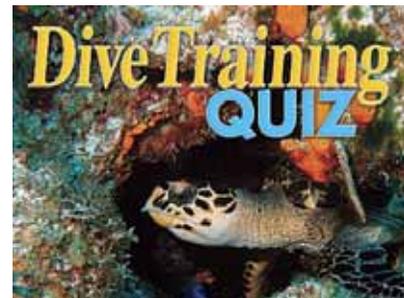
Time to Renew your Membership is Down to the Wire!

If you haven't already done so, it is time to renew your Diving Rebels Membership for the 2008 year without repaying the \$15 initiation fee!

Dues are back to the regular price of \$25/\$15/\$5 and if not paid prior to the March meeting, the initiation fee applies unless waived by the Board.

1. What actor played the role of the protagonist in the television show "Sea Hunt"?

- A. Jacques Cousteau
- B. Lloyd Bridges
- C. James Bond
- D. Nick Nolte



2. Ways divers can help stop overfishing include supporting:

- A. The control of bycatch.
- B. An end to fishing subsidies.
- C. Effective monitoring and enforcement.
- D. All of the above.

3. According to a recent survey, females comprise what percentage of Open Water students?

- A. 20
- B. 30
- C. 40
- D. 50

4. The preferred way to enter the water from a platform near water level is called the:

- A. Giant stride
- B. Backward roll
- C. Forward roll

5. Cozumel is known as:

- A. The Nature Island
- B. Land of the swallows
- C. The Spice Island
- D. Pirate's paradise

6. The standard emergency frequency for a marine VHF radiotelephone is channel:

- A. 2
- B. 6
- C. 10
- D. 16

7. Elements of a typical blog include:

- A. Main page
- B. Archive
- C. Photo album
- D. Journal entries
- E. All of the above

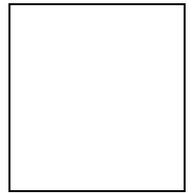
8. The structures in stinging cells that look like a miniature harpoon are called:

- A. Sea wasps
- B. Portuguese man-of-war
- C. Nematocysts
- D. Little jellyfish

9. The qualities of an effective fin kick include:

- A. Propels a diver through the water column with as little exertion as possible.
- B. Does not disturb the surroundings.
- C. A & B are correct
- D. None of the above

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